

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 3, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 4 and 11 as indicated hereinbelow.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 encoding a Melanoma Differentiation Associated Gene-5 (Mda-5) polypeptide.
2. (Previously amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an Mda-5 polypeptide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having growth suppressive activity, wherein said nucleic acid which hybridizes to the DNA of shown in SEQ ID NO:1 or the complementary strand thereof.
5. (Original) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1, 2 or 4.
6. (Original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 5.
7. (Original) The host cell of claim 6, wherein the host cell is stably transformed with the vector of claim 5.
8. (Original) The host cell of claim 6, wherein the host cell is a tumor cell.

9. (Original) The host cell of claim 6, wherein the host cell is a melanocyte.

10. (Original) The host cell of claim 6, wherein the cell is an immortalized cell.

11. (Original) The host cell of claim 8, wherein the tumor cell is selected from the group consisting of a melanoma cell, a neuroblastoma cell, an astrocytoma cell, a glioblastoma multiforme cell, a cervical cancer cell, a breast cancer cell, a lung cancer cell or and a prostate cancer cell.

12-30. (Cancelled)